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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN SALVADOR 4306

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: MATSUMOTO CASE

REF: SAN SALVADOR 4212 AND PREVIOUS

1. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR YUICHI HAYASHI HOSTED DINNER AUG 17 FOR AMBASSADOR DEVINE AND EMBOFFS WHO WORKED WITH JAPANESE ON MATSUMOTO CASE AND TO INTRODUCE NEW JAPANESE FIRST SECRETARY SHINZO UCHIMURA. DURING COURSE OF EVENING SEVERAL POINTS RAISED CONCERNING MATSUMOTO CASE. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR STATED FLATLY THAT HE AND GOJ NOW CONVINCED MATSUMOTO DEAD. HE MENTIONED STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT SPECIALLY TRAINED TEAM FROM JAPAN WILL COME TO EL SALVADOR IN NEAR FUTURE TO WORK WITH GOES SECURITY FORCES IN EFFORT TO LOCATE BODY AND PUT DEFINITIVE END TO MATSUMOTO CASE.

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2. AMBASSADOR HAYASHI STATED THAT JAPANESE COMMUNITY, INCLUDING EMBASSY STAFF, HAD WITHDRAWN FROM PRACTICALLY ALL SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES SINCE KIDNAPPING. IN RESPONSE TO DIRECT QUESTION, HOWEVER, SAID THAT

ONLYSMALL NUMBER OF JAPANESE CITIZENS HAD ACTUALLY LEFT EL SALVADOR. HE ALSO INDICATED TEAM OF JAPANESE

ECONOMIC EXPERTS ARE EXPECTED TO VISIT EL SALVADOR AND OTHER CA COUNTRIES TO MAKE ASSESSMENT OF FUTURE COURSE OF JAPANESE INVESTMENT AND INVOLVEMENT IN THIS AREA. AGAINST STATED CATEGORICALLY THAT NO FURTHER JAPANESE INVESTMENT CONTEMPLATED FOR EL SALVADOR UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS. WITH REFERENCE TO MAJOR JAPANESE PROJECT CURRENTLY UNDER WAY (CONSTRUCTION OF NEW AIRPORT), AMBASSADOR SAID THAT JAPANESE WOULD COMPLETE THIS PROJECT ON SCHEDULE OR BEFORE, MAKE CERTAIN THAT ALL SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS FUNCTIONING PROPERLY, AND THEN IMMEDIATELY RETURN ALL OF THEIR TECHNICIANS TO JAPAN. HE EXPRESSED SOME DOUBTS OF ABILITY OF SALVADORANS TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THIS NEW FACILITY.

3. COMMENT. QUITE EVIDENT IN CONVERSATION WITH ALL THREE JAPANESE EMBASSY OFFICIALS PRESENT THAT EMBASSY AND GOJ VERY UNHAPPY WITH ACTIONS AND ASSISTANCE RENDERED BY GOES IN MATSUMOTO CASE. CONVERSELY, REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR COOPERATION AND AID OF U.S. AND U.S. EMBASSY DURING THIS PERIOD.

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